

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-19 are active. Claims 6-19 are new. Claims 3 and 5 are canceled. Minor amendment is made to certain of the claims and others of the claims are rewritten to improve the form of the claims and eliminate informalities in the claims. Certain of the added claims replace certain of the canceled claims. No new matter is added.

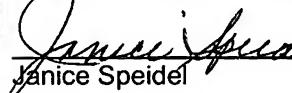
Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$400 for the added two independent claims and a separate letter showing the fee calculation. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0678.

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